



LAKE QUALITY COMMISSION MINUTES MARCH 21, 2012

CALL TO ORDER A meeting of the Lake Quality Commission was held on March 21, 2012, at the Maple Grove Government Center, 12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway, Maple Grove, Minnesota. Chairperson McGough called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Larry McGough, George Schneider, James Erickson, Doug Schon, Steve Lane, Jerry Schmitz, Pat Schachern – Sub for Weaver, Nancy Bergstrand, Liz Stout and two Student Commissioners Libby Gibson and Blake Burns.

Commissioners Absent: Catherine Thompson, Roger Granberg and Kurt Paulsen.

Other's present included: Councilmember Karen Jaeger, Rick Lestina, Mark Lahtinen, Sue Rice, 3 Students from Maple Grove Senior High and 2 Boy Scouts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Minutes of the February Lake Quality Meeting were reviewed for accuracy. Larry McGough made a change to Page 2 under his prospective LIP application to state that he will be “submitting” rather than “improving” LIP applications for improved signage as well as for shoreline buffer projects.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE SCHNEIDER, SECONDED BY STEVE LANE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2012 MEETING OF THE LAKE QUALITY COMMISSION WITH THE CHANGE AS NOTED BY LARRY MCGOUGH. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

AREA REPORTS Rick Lestina stated that the ice on the lakes went out early this year.
Mark Lahtinen had nothing to report.
George Schneider stated the ice had gone out on Rice Lake this past Sunday and they were fishing already.
James Erickson stated that the ice was out on Lake Edward and they had also seen some Trumpeter Swans on the lake.
Doug Schon has seen wake boarders on Fish Lake already and the water level was down.
Steve Lane noted that the ice was out on Cedar Island Lake this past Saturday and the clarity is 3.5 feet which is good. They have also observed a couple of Bald Eagles hanging out around the lake.
Jerry Schmitz had nothing to report.
Pat Schachern had nothing to report.
Nancy Bergstrand had seen 5 Trumpeter Swans on Weaver Lake and Thursday (tomorrow) will be the kick-off meeting for the Association.
Liz Stout had nothing to report. Rick asked if the ice was off of Lake Minnetonka yet



and Liz stated that it wasn't.

Rick Lestina added that they should expect a bumper crop of Curley Leaf Pondweed this year due to the mild winter.

Larry McGough stated that the ice went off of Eagle Lake this past Sunday and by Sunday afternoon the wake boarders were out.

**ADDED ITEM:
RICE LAKE SKI
SLALOM COURSE
PERMIT**

George Schneider discussed the Permit being requested by the Rice Lake Youth Ski Club for a ski slalom course on Rice Lake. They have requested permits for this in the past and have received approval from Council. There were a couple of questions from Commissioners.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE SCHNEIDER, SECONDED BY DOUG SCHON TO APPROVE THE 2012 PERMIT FOR THE RICE LAKE YOUTH SKI CLUB FOR A SKI SLALOM COURSE ON RICE LAKE CONTINGENT UPON RECEIPT OF THE \$50.00 WATER OBSTACLE PERMIT APPLICATION FEE. MOTION PASSED WITH 7 VOTES YEA, 1 VOTE NAY. MOTION PASSED.

**DEVELOPING AN
EVALUATION
METHODOLOGY
FOR LIP
REQUESTS**

Rick Lestina began the discussion explaining why the need to develop a methodology for determining the value and support of LIP projects for cost sharing. He also distributed handouts to support this. Maple Grove staff is developing a new methodology that will more efficiently direct the involvement of the resident and association participation with achieving current water quality goals.

Rick stated that he is just presenting this now to think about and no immediate decision needs to be made but this will justify to Council more when and why we request funding for LIPs. This will be brought up again at the April meeting.

George Schneider reminded Rick that some of the LIP programs which were approved last year for Rice Lake were not undertaken and therefore will be brought back this year. George asked that this be taken into consideration for those funds from last year.

Liz Stout asked what the percentage is of City vs. lakes, lakes vs. lakes, etc. Rick stated that the lake associations need to take more ownership. Larry McGough suggested that perhaps the LIP program has run its course and that maybe the City should be funding more and bigger projects. Rick pointed out that the City does implement large projects that are beyond the scope of the LIP. Several other Commissioners agreed.

Instances were discussed using Cedar Island as an example. Discussion followed on the graphs that had been distributed showing the amount of dollars over the years spent by the City on LIPs. The City has tried to stay in the low \$40,000s for funding shares.



The system implemented in the past where projects were assigned points was discussed. Also, what determines if a project is maintenance or improvement. Rick emphasized that say for instance if there is a big project wanted, lets discuss now for next year and not at the last minute. Maple Grove is very proactive in its lake management plans.

**DISCUSSION 2012
LAKE
IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM
APPLICATIONS
AND BUDGET**

Discussion occurred on the 2012 Lake Improvement Application Summary page. Each lake's applications were discussed individually and adjustments made accordingly. The following is the amounts that will be recommended to City Council.

<u>Lake</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Total Project Cost</u>	<u>LQC Recommended LIP Budget</u>
Eagle Lake	Develop a Educational Guide & Media for Lake Users	\$1,815	\$1,365
Eagle Lake	Individual Watershed, Shoreland & Buffer Projects	\$5,000	\$2,500
Eagle Lake	Iron Filing Treatment	\$9,000	\$8,000
Rice Lake	Improve Open Water Access	\$6,000	\$1,500
Rice Lake	Dissolved Oxygen Meter	\$621	\$250
Rice Lake	Rough Fish Removal	\$7,000	\$3,500
Rice Lake	Aquatic Plant Survey	\$2,000	\$1,000
Weaver Lake	Herbicide Treatment of Curly-Leaf Pondweed	\$9,000	\$6,000
Weaver Lake	Aquatic Plant Monitoring	\$4,950	\$2,475
Cedar Island Lake	Aeration Equipment	\$800	\$640
Cedar Island Lake	Fish Stocking Supplement to 2011 Program	\$4,000	\$3,200
Cedar Island Lake	Herbicide Treatment of Curly-Leaf Pondweed	4,500	\$2,250
City-Wide Project	Print Wetlands and Buffers Brochure	\$1,050	\$1,050
City-Wide Project	Print Watershed Stewardship Brochure	\$850	\$850
City-Wide Project	Lake Water Quality Monitoring	\$8,000	\$8,000
Total		\$64,586.00	\$42,580.00

Steve Lane also added that Cedar Island Lake will be submitting a request for a ski slalom as well this year. He wanted to make sure it would not be an issue for funding due to the lake usage and money allocated as in previous years.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JERRY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY NANCY BERGSTRAND TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL OF LIP FUNDING IN THE AMOUNTS STATED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE LANE, SECONDED BY JERRY SCHMITZ TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 21, 2012 MEETING OF THE LAKE QUALITY COMMISSION. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:32 P.M.